



Mother's Day
May 13

Items of Interest

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day. Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday.
Listen to City Council meetings by going to the City website at Sturgis-sd.gov and clicking on the Agendas/Minutes option on the page menu.
Sturgis Chamber Annual Banquet - May 11 at the Community Center.
Green Thumb Gala at the library May 11 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sturgis Volksmarch May 12 at Ft. Meade.
Digitarium Experience at the Auditorium June 4.
Childrens Summer Reading Program begins May 23 with Story Hour for ages 3 to 3rd grade on Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 and 1:30 to 2:30 starting June 5.
Tween Summer Reading Program for ages 10 - 12 begins on June 6 and will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 each Wednesday.

Upcoming Meetings

Sturgis City Council: May 7 and 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Erskine Building.
Note: If you want to be scheduled on the City Council agenda, you must notify the Finance Office by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday the week prior to the Council meeting.
Sturgis Arts Council: May 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Sturgis City Hall.
Park Board: May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.
Planning and Zoning: May 1, 15 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room B.
MUB: May 16 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room B.
Library Board: May 30 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.

Waterland New Ward Three City Councilman

The 2012 City Council election was held on Tuesday, April 10.

Only Ward Three required an election with three candidates running for one seat.

Ron Waterland was named the winner with 173 votes. Incumbent Clint Brengle received 132 votes and Randolph LaVasseur received three votes.

The City Council canvassed the votes on April 16 at the regular City Council meeting making the election results official.

Mr. Waterland will be sworn in at the May 7 City Council meeting. He will serve a three year term. The City passed Ordinance 2010-02 in July of 2010 lengthening terms from two years to three starting with officials elected in 2012.



Ronald Waterland

Surcharges and Fees - How and Why Charges Occur

City staff has noticed a recent increase in questions from residents about the surcharges that appear on our municipal utility bills.

According to Dale Olson, Water Superintendent, when the MUB recently added more detail to the water bills and split out a surcharge that has been in effect for several months, a lot of customers called to question the charges.

The item in question is a \$1.66 surcharge put in place by the Municipal Utilities Board to pay for a loan (bond) to cover the costs associated with a water line replacement in Murray Addition in 2010. The surcharge now appears as a separate line item from the \$4.60 surcharge that is in place to cover Phase I and II of the Water Improvement Plan that is currently under construction as well as the improvements that will be made to the main water line under Lazelle Street starting this fall.

Murray Addition property owners also pay an additional \$25.00 each month to cover the costs incurred when a new sewer line was installed in the subdivision in 2010. Some property owners opted to pay their share of the loan up front and are not making the \$25.00 payments.

All residents with a water account also pay a \$1.00 per month recycling fee. Fees are set by ordinance and remain in effect until the City Council decides to discontinue the fee. Fees are usually allocated to pay for specific expenses unlike surcharges that are established to pay for loans and bonds. Neither fees nor surcharges require a vote to be implemented. A bond measure may be brought to a vote if enough signatures are gathered via petition.

The Sturgis Community Center, Library and Volunteer Fire Department were all built through bonds and are paid for with funds from sales tax revenue that is collected during the year.

Reserve Your Park Shelter Now For Summer Activities

If you are planning a family gathering or summer celebration in the park, reserve your park shelter now.

Information regarding size, amenities and location of the shelters are available on the City website under the Parks Department tab. Reservations can be made online or you can stop by the City Finance Office at City Hall. Some shelters require a \$20 key deposit when a reservation is made.



Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

David Hersrud 347-5061

Marcia Johnston 347-2483

Ward Three:

Clint Brengle 490-9541

Jamie McVay 720-5780

Ward Four:

Tim Potts 720-4233

Dane Sundstrom 490-1172

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

Reminder from the Sturgis Police Department

As the days get longer and the weather warms up, more people enjoy walking in the evenings. With the increase in pedestrian activity, there have been reports of dogs running at large in various neighborhoods.



City Ordinance 32.03.03 stipulates that - any person who owns or who has under his care a dog, shall not allow said dog, to run at large in the City, and said dog, when present within the City, shall either be on a leash controlled by a person, or properly secured to a leash which has been tied to an immovable object or confined within an enclosure sufficient to keep said dog restrained from escaping such enclosure. No dog shall be leashed to an immovable object so as to permit the dog to walk on or over any public sidewalk or street, or any property of another person other than that of the owner of said dog. If an animal is deemed to be running at large, the owner may be cited by the Animal Control Officer.

It is also unlawful to have any animal in any public park and recreation area or cemetery within the City, except under leash control and on designated roads and walkways.

If you see a dog running at large anywhere in the City limits, contact the Police Department and report the incident. If you own a Pit Bull and live within City limits, you must register the animal with the Animal Control Officer.

Join us on a Trip Through The Universe!

The Sturgis Library kicks off the Summer Reading Program with guided flights through the solar system. Explore the night sky in the Digitarium, a portable planetarium, on loan from the SD Discovery Center.

One day only - Monday, June 4.
Location: Sturgis Auditorium on Main Street
Flights take off every half hour starting at 9:00 a.m. Last flight at 3:30

Don't miss this free activity sponsored by the Sturgis Library.

Monday, June 4 9:00 - Noon and 1:00 - 4:00

Summer at the Community Center

Summer Fun & Fitness Program:
Field Trips, Swimming, Sports, Crafts, Fishing, Biking and much more!
Monday - Friday 7:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Registration begins on April 23, activities begin May 29.

Summer Swim Lessons & Tennis Lessons:
Session I Registration: May 21 - 25
Classes held May 29 - June 8
Session II Registration: June 11-15
Classes held June 18 - 29
Session III Registration: July 2 - 6
Classes July 9 - 20

Call the Community Center for more information and to register: 347-6513

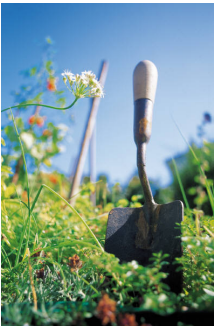
Community Garden Applications Available at City Hall

The Sturgis Finance Office is accepting applications for garden spots in the new Community Garden.

Size of Plot	Fee
10 x 20 feet	\$25.00
10 x 10 feet	\$12.50
5 x 7 feet	\$7.50

The garden will be open from dawn until dusk. Gardeners will be responsible for obtaining their own seeds or starter plants, planting their produce, weeding and watering as needed, and harvesting.

This community project is supported by Sturgis High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the Sturgis chapter of Kiwanis (Sturgis Food Pantry). Questions about the Community Garden can be directed to Rich Deaver (605)206-0145.



5th Annual Green Thumb Gala May 7 - 11

Donate a decorated pot with a patio or house plant or anything related to gardening to the Sturgis Public Library by May 7 to be exhibited and bid on in a silent auction. Proceeds go toward various library programs. The Gala and final bidding will be on May 11 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



April Opinion Poll: An online opinion poll on the City website recently asked for input on the possibility of City Hall being open from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and being closed Friday - Sunday in an effort to reduce energy usage and operating costs as well as enhancing business hours to better serve residents who currently need to take time off from work in order to do business at City Hall. Results: 63% prefer the traditional 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday hours of operation. 34.8% would prefer a 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday schedule. 2.2% had no opinion either way. 135 people voted. The City Council has decided to leave the schedule of Monday - Friday as is. Thank you for your participation!

HELP WANTED

The City of Sturgis is now taking applications for summer seasonal and temporary Rally help. Visit the City website at Sturgis-sd.gov or stop by the Human Resources office at City Hall to apply.

City Wide Garage Sale - Saturday, May 5

Everyone is invited to participate in the 2012 City Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 5. Stop by the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce and register your sale location before April 27 to get your location listed on the Official Garage Sale Map that will be published in the Meade County Times. For more information, call the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce at 347-2556.



Annual Spring Clean Up

The Annual City Wide Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 7-11. During this time, you may put your unwanted items near your trash totes and the City will pick them up for disposal. If you need assistance in getting items moved out to the curb, contact the Sturgis Police Department at 347-5070.

For a complete listing of the items that qualify for removal, visit the Public Works web page at sturgis-sd.gov or call the Public Works Office at 347-3916.



Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement 347-4424
Community Development 347-4424
Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.
Noon - 8:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:30 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 8:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site
8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri.
8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Mon. and Sat.

Water Department 347-4425
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.
After Hour Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
1040 2nd Street
Drop boxes: 2901 Vanocker Canyon and City Hall 1040 2nd Street